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In accordance with the authority granted under the Act and Regulations, this Certificate of Review is hereby granted to Association for the Administration of Rice Quotas, Inc.

A copy of this certificate will be kept in the International Trade Administration's Freedom of Information Records Inspection Facility Room 4102, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Dated: January 22, 1998.

Morton Schnabel,

Acting Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Coastal Zone Management: Federal Consistency Appeal by Jessie W. Taylor From an Objection by South Carolina

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of decision.

On December 30, 1997, the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) issued a decision in the consistency appeal of

Mr. Jessie W. Taylor (Appellant). The Appellant had applied to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for a permit to fill wetlands to construct a commercial business on the property. In conjunction with the Federal permit application, the Appellant submitted to the Corps a certification that the proposed activity is consistent with the State's federally approved Coastal Management Program (CMP). The State of South Carolina's coastal management agency, reviewed the certification pursuant to section 307(c)(3)(A) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended (CZMA), 16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3)(A).

On March 11, 1996, the State objected to the Appellant's consistency certification for the proposed project on the ground that the proposed project is not consistent with the enforceable policies contained in the State's coastal management program. State policies prevented OCRM from considering the Appellant's offer of mitigation in evaluating his activity. Under CZMA section 307(c)(3)(A) and 15 CFR 930.131, the State's consistency objection precludes the Corps from issuing a permit for the activity unless the Secretary finds that the activity is either consistent with the objectives or purposes of the CZMA (Ground I) or necessary in the interest of national security (Ground II). The Appellant based his appeal on Ground I.

Upon consideration of the information submitted by the Appellant, the State and interested Federal agencies, the Secretary made the following findings pursuant to 15 CFR 930.121: First, the proposed project furthers one or more of the competing national objectives or purposes of the CZMA by minimally contributing to the national interest in economic development of the coastal zone. Second, the proposed project, including the Appellant's mitigation measure, would lessen rather than increase cumulative impacts on the natural resources of the coastal zone. Thus, there would appear to be no adverse coastal effects to outweigh the projects minimal contribution to the national interest. Third, the proposed activity will not violate the requirements of the Clean Water Act or the Clean Air Act. Fourth, there would be no reasonable alternative available to the Appellant that would permit the activity to be conducted in a manner consistent with the State's coastal management program. Accordingly, the proposed project is consistent with the objectives or purposes of the CZMA. Because the Appellant's proposed project satisfied all of the requirements of Ground I, the

Secretary overrode the State's objection to the Appellant's consistency certification. Consequently, the proposed project may be permitted by Federal agencies. Copies of the decision may be obtained from the contact person listed below.

Margo E. Jackson, Assistant General Counsel for Ocean Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce, 1305 East-West Highway, Room 6111, Silver Spring, MD 20910, (301) 713-2967.

Dated: January 16, 1998.

Monica Medina,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a number of public meetings of its oversight committees and advisory panels in February, 1998, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone. Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held between February 10 and February 24, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: Meetings will be held in Peabody, MA; East Boston, MA; Warwick, RI, and Portsmouth, NH. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Tuesday, February 10, 1998, 9:30 a.m.—Groundfish Committee Meeting
Location: Peabody Marriott Hotel, 8A Centennial Drive, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 977-9700.